THE SIXTH DAY.

22nd February 1919.

The Assembly met at 12 noon on Saturday, the 22nd February 1919.

86. Means of communication in the Kottayam taluk.

Mr. P. A. Abraham B. A. & B. L., (Member, Kottayam taluk) urged the need for the execution of the following public works :—

1. A canal should be opened through the Theruvilpadom from the Thondambra river to the Enathi lake for a total distance of 2 furlongs.

He also presented a memorial from the inhabitants of Kummanom, Aymanom, Parippu, Changalam and Olesa stating that the majority of the land owners were prepared to give the land required for the canal free of cost. There was already a canal for about 4,000 links from Enathi lake eastwards and another about 1,000 links from the Thondambra river westwards. The actual length to be newly cut came to about 500 yards only. The canal would be useful for irrigating about 7,000 *paras* of paddy lands.

2. A bridge should be constructed at Palamuri on the road from the 5th mile of the Kottayam-Kumili road to Ettumanur. At present there was only a ferry at the place.

3. The Kottayam-Parippu road should be completed early. He understood that the delay was with the land acquisition officer.

4. The Kottayam-Kumarakom road was unfit for wheeled traffic and should be made cartable.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Kottayam-Parippu road, an estimate for Rs. 9,470 has been sanctioned, of which Rs. 9,321 has already been spent. Government have sanctioned Rs. 1,500 this year to complete the work. The other points are noted.

87. Improvements to the means of communication in the town of Kottayam.

Mr. P. K. Kurien (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) requested the conversion of the following lanes into public roads :—

1. The lanes leading from the Puliveli or Thrigowthamapurom temple eastwards to the road to Vattakalathakadi and westwards to the market landing.

2. The lane branching off from the road on the western side of the Kottayam District Court to Nattasseri Kizhakumbhagom along the northern side of the District Court.

3. The lane starting from the west of the District Court and east of the Kunnel Church to the Meenamthra river.

4. The lane leading from the junction of the Peermade, Ettumanur and Muttambalam roads near the *Malayala Manorama* Office, northwards to the Nagampadom river.

Dewan's reply :—Noted.

88. Means of communication in the Minachil taluk.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Nominated) first prayed for the speedy completion of the following sanctioned works :—

(1) The Lalam-Ramapurom road.

(2) The Vazhamattom-Bharananganam road.

(3) The construction of a bridge over the Minachil river on the Lalam-Ponkunnom road.

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